

Firemen have been summoned to maintain order. The engine companies that responded on the first alarms have become completely exhausted. Fresh relays have relieved them. Families in neighboring tenements have been driven from their homes by the ammonia fumes. Fire Chief Croker, bandaged and bleeding, remained on the scene throughout the battle with the flames. For hours he has directed all the attention of the men to confining the flames to the Cudahy warehouse and protecting adjoining property. When the blaze gathered fresh energy this afternoon he sent for more engines and relays of reserves. The explosion of hundreds of gallons of ammonia and burning of nearly four hundred tons of soft coal have created poisonous gases that make the fire fighting extremely perilous, and one battalion chief may lose his sight altogether. Chief Croker's life was saved by the bravery of two of his men.

The entire neighborhood is clothed in dense smoke and the sickening fumes extend over a wide area. Every few minutes firemen are overcoated and a number of ambulances have been called to remain permanently on the scene. In the refrigerating section of the plant a number of human were almost frozen.

Though there are no flames apparent through the thick pall of smoke, Chief Croker says that the fire cannot be negotiated a moment because of the quantities of inflammables and explosives that lie within the path of the flames.

FIREMEN EXHAUSTED.

The strain on the firemen has been terrific, as in the course of the night three big fires had to be fought and several smaller ones. After a twelve-hour battle with the packing-house fire, whole engine companies were completely exhausted, and Chief Croker had to send for fresh companies from remote districts.

With a fresh company of men, Chief Bass, of the Seventh Battalion, went into the burning building to-day to find out how far the flames in the rear of the building were subdued. While groping through the dense smoke there was a slight explosion near him and the stifling fumes of ammonia swept over him.

"I am blinded, men!" he cried; help me out of this. He was partially overcome from inhaling the fumes and was carried to the street. There an ambulance surgeon revived him, but could do nothing for his eyes. The pain was so intense that Battalion Chief Hanson lifted him into his wagon and accompanied by the surgeon drove him to his home. A specialist was immediately sent for to attend to his eyes.

HALF THE FIREMEN OVERCOME.

The explosion following the fire in the Cudahy plant came when nearly half of the firemen were overcome, some of them unable to stand upon their feet, others lying on the pavement unconscious.

When the explosion occurred Chief of the Fire Department Edward F. Croker was running in and out among his half-stiffed and unconscious men to a weak condition, his hand in a bandage and his clothes bloody and torn.

He escaped death only by the bravery of two of his men, who came to him when the floor of No. 454 gave way under the weight of the Chief, allowing him to plunge through into the water-filled caulk. There he swam about, choking from the fumes of ammonia and the great clouds of black smoke that rolled about him until two of his men ran to him, and at the risk of their own lives drew him to safety. A physician bound up the hand of the chief and he returned to his men, staggering, almost exhausted.

The fire began at 10:35 o'clock last night in the basement of No. 454. The first engine to arrive was No. 25, in charge of Capt. McGuire. He learned from Thomas Carrigan, a watchman, that the flames were at the great heap of soft coal. The basement door opened, the smoke rushed out in a blinding, choking volume. One by one the firemen dropped in their tracks, unconscious some of them, and all of them unable to move or to care for themselves.

POISON BY AMMONIA.

Standing in the rear of the houses fronting on Fourteenth street were the men of Engine Company No. 2. Suddenly the ammonia tanks sent forth fumes of poison in such quantities that several of the men, their eyes burning, their bodies chilled almost to freezing and unable to breathe, fell. In the rush to carry their companions to safety and in the blinding smoke and fumes Erwin Barnett and Charles Dougherty, both of No. 2, were overlooked and for several minutes lay in the rear of the unconscious. When they were carried out to fresher air they were both in serious conditions. They were almost frozen. Physicians were called and medical attention given them before they were removed to the hospital.

Battalion Chief Hayes sent the men of Engine Companies 2, 14, 14 and 24 to the Cudahy house. There the firemen dropped like flies. A man would not enter the room that he would fall, and the men who would come to take his place would fall over him.

Battalion Chief Kenyon, in charge of the men in the basement, fell unconscious, and when removed it was seen that his condition was serious. Dr. Mehta was called and he received medical attention at once.

Hotel Caught Fire.

By 10 o'clock so many of the firemen had been overcome that there were hardly enough men left to man the fire engines, and the flames were still spreading and threatening the entire block. Flames from Nos. 332 and 344 were shooting high in the air. A third alarm was sounded. Chief Croker, who was at a fire in North Moore street, left that blaze and went to West Fourteenth street. The hotel at No. 332 had up to this time escaped the flames, and it was believed that it would not catch. Frederick Mechel, a drug clerk, who lives in the hotel, went back to his room and as he lay in the hallway of the hotel caught the fire. The smoke filled every room. The hotel was almost unrecognizable. It was found by Lieut. Sheridan of Engine Company No. 12, and he hurried to the street. Mechel's condition was so serious that he was carried to St. Vincent's Hospital.

Buildings Were Destroyed.

Daybreak saw the fire at its worst. All through the lower west side of the city a black pall hung from the soft coal and manure with this smoke were the choking ammonia fumes.

Until after 5 o'clock the fire burned slowly, and buildings in the neighborhood were in danger of being set on fire by sparks.

Wherever the choking ammonia fumes poured there was a chill, and it was almost impossible to breathe. Then came the great explosion from the fire in the neighborhood packed from foundation to roof. The fumes of a poisonous ammonia tank came down upon the firemen, burning their eyes and freezing their bodies. But the firemen held their ground. Chief Croker remained in the midst of the falling smoke and ordered: "Don't go to the back this way."

Firemen's Work of Rescue. Firemen went to work with the firemen to look for other firemen caught in the smoke and fumes. They went to the roof of the burning building and from there they saw that the firemen were all dead.

The bodies of the firemen were found in the basement of the building. They were all dead. The firemen's work of rescue was a heroic one. They saved the lives of many people.

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GIANTS DROP TWO GAMES TO THE CHICAGO CUBS

Lose the First Session of the Double-Header by a Score of 12 to 9 and the Second by 5 to 3—Fair Crowd Was Present.

SECOND GAME.		FIRST GAME.	
CHICAGO.	R. H. P. O. A. E.	CHICAGO.	R. H. P. O. A. E.
Shulte, If.	1 2 0 0 0	Shulte, If.	1 2 0 0 0
Casey, 2b.	1 1 0 0 0	Casey, 2b.	1 1 0 0 0
Barry, 1b.	1 1 0 0 0	Barry, 1b.	1 1 0 0 0
Hoffman, cf.	1 1 0 0 0	Hoffman, cf.	1 1 0 0 0
McChesney, cf.	1 1 0 0 0	McChesney, cf.	1 1 0 0 0
Evera, 3b.	1 1 0 0 0	Evera, 3b.	1 1 0 0 0
O'Neill, c.	1 1 0 0 0	O'Neill, c.	1 1 0 0 0
Lundgren, p.	1 1 0 0 0	Lundgren, p.	1 1 0 0 0
Totals	7 7 0 0 0	Totals	7 7 0 0 0
GIANTS.		GIANTS.	
Dillon, If.	1 1 0 0 0	Dillon, If.	1 1 0 0 0
Browne, rf.	1 1 0 0 0	Browne, rf.	1 1 0 0 0
McClann, 1b.	1 1 0 0 0	McClann, 1b.	1 1 0 0 0
Merites, cf.	1 1 0 0 0	Merites, cf.	1 1 0 0 0
Dahlen, 2b.	1 1 0 0 0	Dahlen, 2b.	1 1 0 0 0
Devlin, 3b.	1 1 0 0 0	Devlin, 3b.	1 1 0 0 0
Dunn, 3b.	1 1 0 0 0	Dunn, 3b.	1 1 0 0 0
Bowerman, c.	1 1 0 0 0	Bowerman, c.	1 1 0 0 0
Taylor, p.	1 1 0 0 0	Taylor, p.	1 1 0 0 0
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McClann, 1b.	1 1 0 0 0	McClann, 1b.	1 1 0 0 0
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ASTOR TALKS BEFORE SAILING

Expatriate Says He Wants to Set American Newspapers Right—Never Said He Opposed Daughter's Match.

Unattended by any one save a manservant, William Waldorf Astor, the expatriate, sailed from the city of his birth for London to-day on the Celtic. Every other passenger on the boat had friends on the pier to wish good-bye and wave a farewell. No one spoke to William Waldorf Astor but the reporters, and his concluding statement was a complaint that he was not treated right during his brief visit to the city that gave him his magnificent income. He had thirty-nine pieces of ordinary baggage and a mysterious iron-bound strong box, which was taken direct to his cabin in one of the brutal suits. There was much speculation on the pier as to the contents of the box.

Were Brown and Mat. Mr. Astor was a brown effect. He wore a brown soft hat, a suit of onion brown with a brown coat and a brown Windsor tie. His shoes were of the best English style. The only piece of jewelry he displayed was a large ring on the small finger of his left hand. He carried an East Indian cane with a head of ivory and gold.

His expression was that of a man thoroughly bored and extremely anxious to be on his way.

It was a hard matter to get the expatriate to talk. Finally he consented to a brief interview. The first question put to him was this:

"Will you be kind enough to announce the date set for the marriage of your daughter, Pauline and Capt. H. Sponder-City?"

"Indeed, no," was the reply. "But I want to set the American newspapers right before I go. I have never said that I opposed the match."

Greatly Annoyed at Publisher. "Your interest in Christian Science has created considerable attention since your arrival in New York," Mr. Astor said.

"I can't see why it should," he said